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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/761,703
Filing Date	January 18, 2001
First Named Inventor	TAKAKO ASAHI
Group Art Unit	2624
Examiner Name	Lucas Divine
Attorney Docket Number	00862.022089

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Lawrence A. Stahl	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	30,110
Signature		Date	August 4, 2005

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<p>Effective on 12/08/2004. Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act. 2005 (H.R. 4818)</p> <p>FEE TRANSMITTAL</p> <p>For FY 2005</p>		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	09/761,703
		Filing Date	January 18, 2001
		First Named Inventor	TAKAKO ASAHII
		Examiner Name	Lucas Divine
		Art Unit	2624
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27		Attorney Docket No.	00862.022089
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT	(\$) 790.00		

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☒ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify): _____
☒ Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 06-1205 Deposit Account Name: Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto
 For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, **except for the filing fee**
☒ Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayments of fee(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 ☒ Credit any overpayments

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
	Small Entity		Small Entity		Small Entity		
<u>Application Type</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee(\$)</u>	<u>Fee(\$)</u>	<u>Fee(\$)</u>	<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

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Fee Description	Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>
<u>9</u> - 20 or HP = <u>0</u> x <u>0</u> = <u>0</u>				<u>Fee(\$)</u> <u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20				<u>0</u> <u>0</u>

<u>Indep. Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee(\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
6	- 3 or HP = 0	x 0 =	0

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE


If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

<u>Total Sheets</u>	<u>Extra Sheets</u>	<u>Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
_____ - 100 =	_____ / 50 =	_____ (round up to a whole number) x		=

4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other: <u>Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Fee (\$790.00)</u>	\$790.00
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SUBMITTED BY			
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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.136. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 30 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

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